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SUBJ: IRAQIS EXPRESS RESERVATIONS ABOUT PDRY COUP

1. BOTH IRAQI AMBASSADOR ANWAR S.A. AL-RACHAD AND SECOND SECRETARY MUAYED NOURI ARAB, JULY 14, SEPARATELY EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN FOR POST-COUP SITUATION IN PDRY. WHILE THEY STATED THAT IRAQ DID NOT WANT TO SEE SAUDI INTERVENTION, THEY STATED THAT FATTAH ISMAIL IS A MARXIST-LENINIST AND THAT HE IS NOT LOOKED ON WITH FAVOR BY BAATH PARTY GROUPS THAT EXIST IN PDRY.

2 ARAB, IN REFERRING TO SITUATION IN IRAQ, SAID THAT HE IS NOT A BAATH PARTY MEMBER BUT A SYMPATHIZER (HE WAS EARLIER IDENTIFIED TO US BY A FORMER COLLEAGUE AS AN IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OR BAATH PARTY REPRESENTATIVE). HE INDICATED THAT COMMUNISTS AND OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES (HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO A KURDISH POLITICAL GROUPING) ARE NOT ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN IRAQI ARMED FORCES AND THAT THEIR RECENT ACTIONS VIOLATED TRUST.

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3. COMMENT: IRAQIS HERE APPEAR TROUBLED BY COMMUNIST ACTIONS IN IRAQI ARMED FORCES, CUBAN ROLE IN SUPPORTING ETHIOPIA'S PRESSURE AGAINST ERITREA, AND RECENT COUPS IN PDRY AND AFGHANISTAN.
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